

## Longo Picked as Marshfield's New Town Administrator

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Duxbury resident and former town manager Rocco Longo was the unanimous choice to take over as Marshfield's new town administrator.

Marshfield selectmen chose Longo over two other finalists at their Monday night meeting.

"We're very excited at the prospect of Rocco coming to town," said Marshfield Selectman Michael Maresco. "We were impressed with his reputation and skills and his ability to get schools and town government to function as one."

Longo was the town manager in Duxbury for 11 years before leaving for his current post as Billerica's town manager in 2004.

Maresco, who also served on the administrator search committee, said he liked Longo's management style.

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and has an open-door style," he said. Longo spends a lot of time walking around to different departments and maintains close relationships with his department heads, Maresco said.

Longo hosts a community cable television show in Billerica, and Maresco said he

would like to see something similar in Marshfield.

Selectmen are looking to have Longo start by March 1.

Some of the major issues Longo can expect to face in Marshfield include a dredging project, revitalization of the central business district and financial concerns.

"Marshfield is a neighboring town to Duxbury; so there are a lot of similar issues," said Maresco. "There's plenty of stuff to dive into, but Rocco has an incredible amount of energy."

One of the main things Longo will do during his first weeks in his new position is to meet with the town's employees and citizens, Maresco said.

"We've been without a town manager since December, so he really needs to pull the management team together," Maresco said.

The advertised maximum salary for the Marshfield position is \$135,000.

"I'm very happy for him and I think he will be an asset for Marshfield," said Town Manager Richard MacDonald, who worked for Longo for 10 years as building inspector before taking over as town manager in 2004.